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TO: WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY

SUBJECT: LWIA ADMINISTRATORS' QUARTERLY MEETING MINUTES—
JANUARY 4, 2002

The minutes and revised agenda from the Local Workforce Investment Area (LWIA) meeting held at Renaissance Stanford Court Hotel in San Francisco on Friday, January 4, 2002, are attached for your review and information. Please ensure that the minutes are provided to the appropriate staff.

If you have any questions regarding the minutes, please contact James W. Scholl, at (916) 657-4610.

/S/ BILL BURKE
Chief

Attachments

LOCAL WORKFORCE INVESTMENT AREA
QUARTERLY MEETING
San Francisco, California
Friday, January 4, 2002

Revised Agenda

8:30 a.m.	Welcome/Hot Topics	Bill Burke, Workforce Investment Division (WID)
9:00 a.m.	California Workforce Investment Board (CWIB) Report	David Militzer, CalWIB
9:30 a.m.	Rescission Planning	Bill Burke, WID
9:45 a.m.	Expenditure Concerns/Plan	Armando Quiroz, Department of Labor
10:45 a.m.	Technology–To–Teaching Initiative	Michael Evashenk, WID
11:00 a.m.	Update on Employment Development Department (EDD) and the Governor's Employment and Training Initiatives	Michael Bernick, Director, EDD
11:30 a.m.	Performance Negotiations	Liz Clingman, WID
11:45 a.m.	California's Corrective Action Plan	Bob Hermsmeier, WID
12:00 p.m.	Adjourn	

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Welcome/Hot Topics—Bill Burke, Workforce Investment Division (WID)

- One-Stop Report—This was generated from the One-Stop survey. We appreciate that the LWIA community was extremely responsive on this survey. The report will be distributed in middle of January with each Local Workforce Investment Area (LWIA) receiving a copy.
- Workers Adjustment and Retraining Notification (WARN) Act—The WARN information can now be accessed through the Employment Development Department (EDD) Web site: www.edd.ca.gov/emptran.htm.
- State Hotline for Employers—A toll-free hotline for employers is under discussion at the State level.
- Eligible Training Provider List (ETPL) Directive—Draft Directive WIADD-22, entitled Eligible Training Provider List, was on the Web site for public comments. Comments were due by November 30, 2001. There were a number of comments concerning out-of-state vendors. The suggestions asked if LWIAs could use the other state's ETPL instead of formally adding the vendor to California's list. We are looking at the legal aspects of implementing this suggestion.
- Youth List—The WIA Section 129(b)(2)(A) requires the State to disseminate a statewide list of eligible youth providers. To date, only nine LWIAs have submitted their data. We would appreciate your help so that the State can comply with this requirement. For details, please refer to Draft Directive WIADD-23, dated October 25, 2001, entitled Youth Services Eligible Provider List.

California Workforce Investment Board (CalWIB) Report—David Militzer, CalWIB

- State Youth Council—The State Youth Council has been ratified and will have its first meeting in Sacramento on January 31, 2002. For more information, please go to the CalWIB Web site at: www.calwia.org/.
- The Annual Report—By working closely with EDD, the CalWIB has finalized the Annual Report that now has been sent to DOL. The approved Annual Report can be accessed on the CalWIB Web site at: www.calwia.org/.
- One-Stop Certification—The CalWIB is coordinating the One-Stop Certification work with the California Workforce Association. The intention is to provide these guidelines to the LWIAs in the spring.

- Access to Services for Farmworkers—Based on discussions with both DOL and EDD, CalWIB will be coming out with local options for serving this group.
- Redesignation for local areas and Recertification for local boards—John Bohart and Dave Mar will facilitate a workgroup that will include both State and local partners that will recommend to the State Board the criteria for redesignation for Local Areas and recertification of local boards. This workgroup will develop proposals for a process for recertification of local workforce investment boards that are required to be recertified and they will develop a proposal for the extension process and criteria for temporary designated LWIAs. This workgroup will meet in January. If anyone wants the handouts prepared for the December 6th State Board meeting, they can request it then by e-mail at DMILITZER@CWIB.CA.gov.
- State Approve Local Training (SALT)—David made the commitment to follow-up with Andrew Baron on the status of requesting the Governor's Office to release the SALT funds to the LWIAs.

Rescission Planning—Bill Burke, WID

- WIA Potential Rescission—The rescission has not been withdrawn at the congressional level. If Congress does not act, Secretary of Labor Chao will need to implement the rescission. The current estimate is the State's dislocated worker allocation will be reduced approximately 14 percent of each dollar that was unexpended as of June 30, 2001. There was a handout, which presented the estimate for California's share of the rescission as \$23.2 million of which 60 percent or \$14 million could be attributable to the LWIAs formula Dislocated Workers funds. Rescission amounts by local area were shown on the handout. These are preliminary numbers. If the State has to re-collect funds for the rescission, the State cannot use local expenditure levels as a basis. Recovery must be based on the allocation. This is based on DOL direction and an EDD legal opinion. The State realizes that some LWIAs may have already spent the funds. One possibility may be to use the Governor's 25 percent funds to backfill funding in this case.

The DOL is also requiring California to develop a corrective action plan to ensure that expenditures will be coming in at appropriate levels. While obligations are higher than expenditures, most LWIAs have not fully obligated all of their WIA funds.

Expenditure Concerns/Plan—Armando Quiroz, DOL

- Armando Quiroz indicated that the Federal WIA Program Year (PY) 2002-03 appropriation would be substantially the same that was funded for PY 2001-02. The states should be receiving their WIA appropriation in late January.

- Mr. Quiroz expressed concern that on a national basis last year's WIA expenditure level was low and this year's first quarter expenditure level dropped. Additionally, the Annual Performance Report indicated a sparse number of participants were served. These factors when examined by Congress and the Administration may cause some real problems with the reauthorization of the WIA. For these reasons, DOL has entered into a dialogue with both the State and the LWIAs on funding and expenditure levels. This is especially important in light of the fact that some of the LWIAs may soon run out of funding while other LWIAs have more funding than they need. Arizona set a precedent in that it met with its substate areas to discuss the voluntary reallocation of WIA resources within the substate areas. A legal opinion is being completed in EDD relative to the implementation of such options in California.

Technology-To-Teaching Initiative—Michael Evashenk, WID

- The Governor announced an initiative for those individuals in the high tech industry who want to transition to become math or science teachers, or information officers for school districts. We are working with the Secretary of Education and local school districts' Teacher Recruitment Centers. There is \$1.6 million of 25 percent funding set aside for this initiative. Any LWIA can apply to fund individuals who have lost their high-tech jobs and who want to teach in the K-12 school systems. These individuals are required to have a bachelor's degree and the top priority goes to math and science majors. We are also opening it up to incumbent workers in the high-tech field who want to make a career change. There may also be a small amount of 15 percent funding available for incumbent workers in these categories. Information Bulletin WIAB01-66 entitled Solicitation for Proposal Announcement, dated December 27, 2001, provides the process for applying for these funds.

Update on EDD and the Governor's Employment and Training Initiatives—Michael Bernick, EDD

- The EDD has been working very closely with the State Board and the Governor's Office. One example is the Los Angeles Phoenix Project, which is a \$11.5 million 25 percent project to serve workers laid off in and around the Los Angeles Airport. The Bay Area's unemployment has risen to about 6 percent. The Governor has approved two 25 percent projects, Re-Tech in San Jose for \$7.2 million and NOVA for \$7 million, principally to serve workers laid off in the high tech industry. There are two other 25 percent proposals; one for the San Francisco hospitality and the other to serve workers laid off at the San Francisco Airport. The Unemployment Insurance Benefits have increased from \$230 a week to \$330 a week. The EDD Employment & Training Panel Project—Tech Force allows for \$10 million to upgrade the tech workforce in California and for Career Ladders.

Performance Negotiations—Liz Clingman, WID

- By the end of December, Liz Clingman and Ron Teel had negotiated local performance measures with a majority of the LWIAs for both 2001-02 and 2002-03. Information Bulletin WIAB01-27 outlines the renegotiation process. Even though the DOL's Training Employment Guidance Letter has not yet been released, the State still is confident that DOL will renegotiate performance standards for both 2001-02 and 2002-03. The State's goal is to complete the process with the LWIAs in January, and we hope to be able to start the negotiation process with DOL soon thereafter.
- The State anticipates finalizing an agreement in January with California State University, San Marcos, to do both Employer and Participant Customer Satisfaction. This will allow the State to report employer customer satisfaction in the next annual report.

California's Corrective Action Plan—Bob Hermsmeier, WID

- Based on the lack of WIA expenditures, California, along with five other states and Puerto Rico, was required to submit a corrective action plan to the DOL National Office. The federally mandated review process requires continual feedback to both the Regional and National DOL Offices. To date, only 81.7 percent on the Carryover 1999-2000 funds have been expended, 71.6 percent of the 2000-01 funds have been expended and 5.6 percent of the 2001-02 has been expended. The LWIA Administrators have received a listing of their expenditures in a December 28 expenditure letter and the WID Regional Advisors have or soon will be contacting the administrators regarding their expenditures. We are asking the administrators to both verify the expenditure figures and work with your accounting staff to ensure that all expenditures are properly reported. If the problem is lack of information from a provider, the administrator should establish methodology to estimate an accrual of these expenditures. Please treat this as a serious and important request requiring attention of the administrators.

The meeting adjourned at 11:58 a.m.